

## OPINION 953

*THECLA VIRIDIS* EDWARDS, 1862 (INSECTA, LEPIDOPTERA):  
PLACED ON THE OFFICIAL LIST

**RULING.**—(1) The neotype designated by Clench, 1944, for the nominal species *viridis* Edwards, 1862, as published in the binomen *Thecla viridis*, is hereby set aside;

(2) The specific name *viridis* Edwards, 1862, as published in the binomen *Thecla viridis*, as interpreted by the lectotype designated by Brown & Clench, 1969, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology with the Name Number 2439.

## HISTORY OF THE CASE (Z.N.(S.) 1857)

The present case was submitted to the office of the Commission by Mr. F. Martin Brown and Dr. Harry K. Clench in August 1968. The application was sent to the printer on 29 August 1968 and was published on 17 January 1969 in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **25** : 188-189. No comment was received.

## DECISION OF THE COMMISSION

On 1 June 1970 the Members of the Commission were invited to vote under the Three-Month Rule on Voting Paper (70)21 either for or against the proposals set out in *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **25** : 189. At the close of the prescribed voting period on 1 September 1970 the state of the voting was as follows:

Affirmative votes—fourteen (14), received in the following order: Holthuis, Melville, Lemche, Eisenmann, Sabrosky, Vokes, Starobogatov, Obruchev, Tortonese, Mertens, Munroe, Binder, Forest, Jaczewski.

Negative votes—one (1): Ride

Voting Papers not returned—seven (7): do Amaral, Bonnet, Brinck, Evans, Kraus, Mayr, Simpson.

Commissioner Alvarado returned a late affirmative vote.

The following comments were made by Commissioners in returning their votes:

*Dr. C. W. Sabrosky* (23.vi.70): Though having no objection to the purpose of the application, I would point out that if Clench's (1944) neotype does not conform with the conditions set forth in Article 75c, and it has not subsequently been validated (Art. 75e), then the Commission is being asked to "set aside" a neotype that technically does not exist under the Code. However, it would remain a potential threat, and present action will avoid possible future difficulties.

*Dr. W. D. L. Ride* (1.ix.70): The data of the neotype are precise and, in particular, its locality of collection is known. The probable syntype was "probably" from San Francisco. In view of the doubt which exists the neotype should stand.

ORIGINAL REFERENCES

The following is the original reference for the name placed on the Official List by the Ruling given in the present Opinion:

*viridis*, *Thecla*, Edwards, 1862, *Proc. Acad. nat. Sci. Philad.* **1862** : 223

The following is the original reference for the designation of a lectotype for the species concerned in the present Ruling:

For *Thecla viridis* Edwards, 1862: F. Martin Brown & Harry K. Clench, 1969, *Bull. zool. Nomencl.* **25** : 189

CERTIFICATE

I certify that the votes cast on Voting Paper (70)21 were cast as set out above, that the proposal contained in that Voting Paper has been duly adopted, and that the decision so taken, being the decision of the International Commission, is truly recorded in the present Opinion No. 953.

R. V. MELVILLE  
*Secretary*

*International Commission on Zoological Nomenclature*

*London*  
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